

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room 769 of the Hall Building, Sir George Williams Campus, at 5:30 p.m. on December 19, 1977

PRESENT: Prof. F. W. Bedford, Chairman, Dr. E. Enos, Mr. M. Flynn, Mr. J. A. Sproule, Mr. J. Macaluso, Mr. J. Hopkins, Ms. B. Litner, Mr. B. Counihan, Mr. B. Philip, Prof. L. Van Toch, Prof. B. Slack, Mr. J. James, Ms. N. Marrelli, Ms. S. Kerr, Mr. D. Martin, Mr. N.-W. Cloutier, Mr. J. McCully, Rev. R. E. O'Connor, S. J., and Mrs. N. Cooper, Secretary.

ALTERNATE: Mr. J. Goldner for Mr. F. Denton

ABSENT: Mr. A. Audet, Prof. R. Allison, Prof. W. Gilsdorf, Prof. T. Fancott, Mr. R. Davies, Ms. M. O'Dea, Mr. O. El-Awadi, Mr. A. Vaughan, Ms. S. Howlett, Mr. K. Boyle, Mr. Y. Dubois, Mr. G. Matteo.

77.12.1 The Chairman, Prof. F. W. Bedford, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of November 21, 1977

77.12.1 On MOTION of Mr. Macaluso, SECONDED by Mr. Counihan, the Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 21, 1977 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Awards

77.12.3 As no indication of the wishes of student associations on the Loyola Campus had been forthcoming on this matter, Mr. Flynn recommended that it be continued on a campus basis and the subject be removed from the CCSL agenda. Support for the sponsorship of this Committee by CCSL was expressed by several individuals and a straw vote indicated that members favoured the referral of this matter to the Steering Committee for further study and recommendation. Mr. Flynn, in consultation with Mr. Counihan, will present a recommendation for the consideration of Steering Committee at its meeting on January 12.

Reports of Area Directors

77.12.4 Dr. Enos reported continuing optimism regarding possible future use of Olympic facilities. He declined to make any comment regarding press reports of a player suspension pending the return from Czechoslovakia of the coach and player in question. He will report further concerning this at a future meeting.

Mr. Counihan reported on the continuing activities of the Dean of Students Office, Loyola. Débats-Midi will resume in January with faculty members from the Philosophy Department discussing the language question in Quebec. Invitations have been sent to 16 federal and provincial personalities. The Program Development Section had contributed to a potpourri of learning at Lacolle Centre as well as planning several programs for January including a poetry series. The Concordia Orchestra had recently given a recital as had the Loyola Choral Society. The Art Workshop with approximately 200 members had carried out a technical workshop. The Campus ministry had raised \$3200 for Christmas baskets for needy families and held a Christmas party for the blind. English universities had been invited for the first time to participate in a committee on Animation Culturelle which had been attended by Mr. Counihan.

Report of the Finance Committee

- 77.12.5 Mr. Macaluso reported that while he had some figures on the student credit load break-down they were unofficial and he was awaiting official statistics from Father Graham before convening a meeting of the Finance Committee

Report of the Steering Committee

- 77.12.6.0 a) Appointment of Miss Joan Richardson as Chairman of the 1978 Graduation Banquet and Ball Committee.

Prof. Bedford reported that after consultation with the Steering Committee he had written to Miss Joan Richardson inviting her to chair the 1978 Graduation Banquet and Ball Committee with a mandate to acquire such members from the community as needed, and keep Council informed of progress. Dean Flynn reported that Miss Richardson had accepted the nomination and requested that the student associations send nominations to her as soon as possible.

- 77.12.6.1 b) Amended Motion re Birks Hall

The amended motion concerning Birks Hall (Document CCSL-77-12-D1) had been sent to the Rector on December 2, 1977 by Prof. Bedford, but to date no reply had been received. The Chairman agreed to pursue this matter with the Rector.

- 77.12.6.2 c) Revised Motion re. Study Week

Prof. Bedford reported that following revision of the original motion concerning Study Week by the Steering Committee he had forwarded the revised motion (Document CCSL-77-12-D2) to Dr. O'Brien. He read the covering letter sent to the Rector in which he indicated the importance with which CCSL viewed this and suggested that a prime stumbling block to the establishment of such a week was the late start after the Christmas break.

- 77.12.6.3 d) Speaker for January Meeting

The Steering Committee proposed Mr. John Mathewson, newly elected president of the Concordia University Students' Association, be invited to address Council at its January meeting. While this was agreed to, the suggestion was made that Vice Rector Martin be invited to speak to Council at an early date.

Guest Speaker - Rev. Aloysius Graham, S. J.

- 77.12.7 Father Graham entered the meeting and was introduced by Prof. Bedford who noted that the Vice Rector is responsible for Student Services on both campuses.

Father Graham expressed his sadness at Dean Audet's illness and announced the appointment of Mr. Brian Counihan as Acting Dean of Students on the Loyola Campus.

He then alluded to the articles which had appeared in the press concerning the involvement of Dr. Enos in bringing a soviet sports scientist to Montreal. Academic publicity such as this is important to the University said the speaker and redounds to the credit of Student Services and Concordia as a whole.

Some indication of the topics of interest to Council had been communicated to him, said the Vice Rector, and while he would address himself to these he would be glad to answer any other questions which members might have.

With regard to his own priorities for Student Services the speaker stated that his position is one of administering policies for Student Services as set by Council and having his staff carry out these policies. It is his duty to coordinate the four Student Services areas and oversee their budget spending, in addition to acting as a liaison for them with the Rector and other administrative officers. At the present time, Father Graham stated, he is seeking additional space for Guidance to pursue the Reading and Study Skills Program, and the Writing Tutorials instituted as a joint effort by Guidance and the LESA; as well as supporting negotiations pertaining to athletic facilities for the University at the Olympic site. An improved location for the Campus Ministry at Sir George Williams is also a priority at this time.

Other areas of involvement for the Vice Rector in the past year have been the Arts and Science merger and the creation of colleges with the effect this may have on Student Services. Personnel under his direction have been active in the 1977 Yearbook and the Graduation Banquet and Ball, in addition to research necessitated by a Questionnaire about student services administration received from the Government. Student Services, and in particular Dean Flynn, have been endeavoring to have tuition waivers transferred from the budget of Student Services to the University.

Relations with the student organizations on both campuses, including the newly formed CUSA, are a priority for the Vice Rector who believes Student Services have an important task in the orientation of new students - welcoming them to Concordia, supplying information, help and guidance around the two campuses. He thinks that foreign students are an important element in the University, broadening Canadian students as well as making a contribution to the life of our Country.

The prospect of a decreasing enrolment and cut-backs in student services is a problem said Father Graham. While no drastic drop in enrolment has occurred as yet, it would be imprudent not to anticipate this in the future. Relatively small drops in population would not affect departments or services greatly, he said, thus it is not feasible to cut a percentage of services from the budget. It is possible that the drop in student population will coincide with attrition in the various departments.

Administrators in student services had been working on the preparation of a budget proposal for next year and this would be in the hands of the Finance Committee by Christmas. The proposed budget consists of two parts, one dealing with the amount of money required to operate Student Services and the other relating to sources of this money, chiefly the Government and student fees. The University, said the speaker, is unable to allocate money from

its operating fund for Student Services which receives a separate and distinct government grant. Salary increases which the Government decrees are not paid by the Government, although University policy dictates that percentage increases given to staff in the University must also be given to employees in Student Services. In the past year this amounted to approximately 4% which was not budgeted for. To relieve this extra outlay, non-salary budget items were not increased in the forthcoming budget with the result that in three years only 4% will have been added to the 1975-76 operating budget. In real terms, because of inflation, this is a large decrease.

With regard to collection of Student Services fees, Father Graham spoke in favour of a graduated fee as he believed it to be a fair method of assessment as opposed to the present method of separating part time students from full time students at the 23-24 credit load. He was especially concerned about the discrepancy between the amounts paid by full and part time students. Historically it had been believed that a full time student would take five courses and a part time student only one. Thus, a part time student was assessed 1/5 of the fee of a full time student. At the present time course loads do not reflect this division.

The meeting was then opened to questions from the floor.

Mr. James inquired about statistics concerning the number of students taking any particular credit load. Father Graham assured him that the Finance Committee would receive these before the end of the week. Mr. James expressed concern that, as students are the only source of additional income for Student Services, they would bear the brunt of any inflationary costs in the 1978/79 budget.

Information about plans for improved athletic facilities on the Sir George Williams Campus was requested by Ms. Marrelli. Father Graham stated that the Administration had studied a number of plans but finances and governmental approval were a problem. When queried about facilities in the newly acquired Mid-Town Motors building, he replied that the Government had specified the manner in which the money for that renovation could be spent. Ms. Marrelli then inquired about facilities being vacated by the Fine Arts Department and requested that the Rector's cabinet be informed of the Council's concern about this facility. In this connection, Dr. Enos informed the meeting that the vacated Fine Arts facilities had been requested for athletics. In addition, a study concerning facilities at the YMCA, should this become available, had been conducted and forwarded to Quebec the previous year.

It was pointed out by Mr. Cloutier that students at the Sir George Williams Campus do not presently have full access to the Campus Centre on the Loyola Campus. As the Campus Centre is not a Student Services facility, the hope was expressed that the Board of Directors of the Campus Centre would soon make the Campus Centre available to Sir George Williams students at no charge.

When asked by Mr. Martin how he envisaged the role of CCSL vis à vis foreign students, Father Graham stated that fine work was being done in this area by the Deans of Students Offices on both campuses, but he would encourage the Council to submit new ideas for the reception and welcome of foreign students to Concordia. In connection with new students entering the University, Mr. James said that he had had difficulty getting a list of new part time students.

Mr. Macaluso expressed his pleasure at Father Graham's presence at CCSL and requested that he attend as often as possible in order to exchange ideas and hear the concerns of Council.

The Chairman thanked Father Graham for sharing his views with members of Council.

New Business

77.12.8 Appointment of representative to a Committee "Planning for the Olympic Site"

Professor Bedford read a letter from the Rector requesting that CCSL propose to him a representative to be named to this Committee. He also read a copy of a letter that had been sent to the other members of the Committee outlining the mandate of the Committee. As Mr. J. McCully is a member of CCSL and also a student in the Bio-Physical Education Department, it was MOVED by Ms. Litner, SECONDED by Ms. Marrelli and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

"THAT Mr. J. McCully be appointed to the Rector's Committee Planning for the Olympic Site."

Other Business

77.12.9.0 a) Introduction of New Members

The Chairman introduced Rev. R. E. O'Connor, S.J. newly appointed representative of the Board of Governors and Mr. James introduced Ms. Sheila Kerr, newly elected representative of the Part Time Students' Association. Both were welcomed to the deliberations of Council.

77.12.9.1 b) LSA Objection to Motion re Study Week

A letter from Mr. J. McCully to Prof. Bedford objecting to some aspects of the original motion was read to the meeting. In view of the revision of this motion as documented in Document CCSL-77-12-D2, Mr. McCully withdrew his objections.

77.12.9.2 c) It was announced by Dean Flynn that Mr. Jack Hopkins has been asked to serve as Co-President of the 1979 Canadian Professional Student Services Conference. Dean Flynn was requested to relay the congratulations of the Council to Mr. Hopkins.

Date of Next Meeting

77.12.9.3 As January 2nd, 1978 is a holiday, the date of the next meeting was established as January 23, 1978 at 5:30 p.m. in Room AD-128 on the Loyola Campus.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. and was followed by a dinner in Room 762.